

Weekly Intelligence.

Fernando Wood has declined the further use of his name as a candidate for speaker of the next house.

It is said that the condition of Alexander B. Stephens' health is such that he will not be in Washington before January, if at all this winter.

By the way! What is now to become of the palatial houses which Joyce and McDonald built at Green Bay with the profits of the sinuities in whiskey?

The cost of fences in the United States is estimated to be greater than the national debt, or more than \$2,300,000,000. The cost of repairs and interest is more than \$400,000,000 a year.

The president says "let no man guilty escape." It looks, just now, very much as if Mr. Grant can reach one of the parties by extending his arm from his easy chair to his executive.

The Vicksburg Herald very happily and philosophically puts it thus: "We have long since forgiven the north for hating us; but we have never forgiven them for being so infernally hard to lick."

Now that Stonewall Jackson has a suitable monument to his memory, the people of the south should have a monument to the virtues and valor of the great chieftain, Robt. E. Lee.

Mr. Fishback, formerly of the St. Louis Democrat, and Mr. Bristol both strenuously deny that the former gentleman went to Washington to advise the seizure of Mr. McKee's interest in the Globe.

The old bell which called together the Virginia convention of 1775, in Richmond, when Patrick Henry uttered his stirring oration, "Give me liberty or give me death," is still in use in Martinsville, Henry county, in that state.

Governor Ingersoll, of Connecticut, has appointed Ex-Governor English, U. S. Senator, to the office of U. S. Marshal. The appointment will give satisfaction to all democrats, as the gentleman is politician of the old school, whose name has never been a stain.

General Winfield S. Featherston is favorably mentioned as a candidate for Senatorial honors from Mississippi. He lives at Holly Springs, and is said to be a lawyer of ability; a statesman of large capacity; an honest, brave and patriotic citizen, of whom not only his state, but the whole country would be proud.

The Richmond State Journal asks the question, why is this? Why should poor old Virginia, robbed of two-fifths of her territory, be required to pay half as much revenue to the general government as the richest and wealthiest state of New York, and more than is paid by all the New England states? Virginia pays more than \$7,000,000; New York about \$15,000,000.

The disloyal state of Arkansas, which Grant, Brooks, Clayton & Co. denounced so stoutly as a hot-bed of unrepentant rebellion; and which has only two republicans in its senate, and nine in its lower house, and which has only two or three republican newspapers in its borders, has just voted \$16,000 towards the centennial project. And this, too, when she is obliged to borrow money to run the state machinery.

Chief-Justice Waite positively refuses to be considered as a probable presidential candidate. He says that his present position came to him covered with honor, and that he should not make it a stepping stone to a higher place. He concludes the letter in which he makes the announcement, with these words: "If I should do so, I should be like the man in the picture, who, when he was asked to be a candidate, said, 'I am not a candidate, but I am a candidate for the office of a candidate.'"

The republican press denounce the third term as a 'ghost' conjured up by the democratic press. That 'ghost' reminds us of the 'ghost' of the 'ghost' which we have heard of so often. Both are decidedly lively. The corpse has a large majority in the popular branch of congress, and will soon leave the opposition but five or six majority in the senate. And the 'ghost' has sounded the key note of his future plans, through leading papers in the north and south, and the ambition and stolidity of the man who has so moulded his party to his will that it has come to be known by his name, will enable him, by aid of an army of his appointees to march to the head of his ticket with the same ease and nonchalance that he displays in raising his elbow before breakfast.

A Washington correspondent of the Chicago Journal points out a scheme which is on foot to place the 'ghost.' It is to make President Grant Generalissimo of the United States army. Thereby conferring continued honor upon him, and providing him a position for life. Another plan is to amend the constitution so that ex-presidents shall be Senators for life. The correspondent says that these matters are not discussed on the street, or in the saloons and club houses, but those who are behind the scenes know of them, and are being earnestly talked of. He seems, however, to have lost sight of the fact that the house of representatives has a democratic majority of about eighty, and will have a word to say in this matter. We are inclined to think that the ghost cannot be laid by this means. Besides the generalissimo proposition would reduce Sherman to a lieutenant, which would be extremely unjust, as the country has certainly honored Mr. Grant sufficiently for the 'sacrifices' he has made.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE WHISKY RING.

In looking over our exchanges we have been amused to see the alacrity with which the republican papers published Mergue's card exonerating Washington officials from complicity in the whisky frauds. Some of these papers had intimated the fact that men who had held high and honorable position should be found guilty by aid of the testimony of a perjured wretch turned state's witness, but were ready enough to credit a statement that suited them, from the same man, though unsupported by affidavit. Mergue says: "I desire to say that neither Gen. Babcock, Orville Grant, Col. Casey, Commissioner Douglas, Col. Holt, Col. Lacy or any other officials or citizens of Washington City have to my knowledge, either directly or indirectly been connected with the ring, with the exception of Wm. O. Avery." This is good enough as far as it goes, but Mergue was not at the head of the ring. The leaders were McDonald, Joyce, and the following: John O. Babcock, private secretary to President Grant, will be hard to explain away after the evidence which has so fully established the continued rascality of the two revenue officers in Missouri, and the fact that the principal object of the ring was to raise campaign funds for the republican party.

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No number of democrats in congress have ever had a greater responsibility resting upon them than have those of to-day. We have no fear of the prudent conduct of the southern members, for they are educated and patriotic gentlemen, and with few exceptions endowed with good common sense. But an unusual amount of sagacity will be required to avoid the pitfalls which will be dug for them by their virulent opponents. It will be a safe rule for them not to do what the republicans desire that they should do. One of these things will be the increase of the revenue, and a hundred plausible reasons will be offered for this course. Among other things, the growth of the country, the preservation of the national credit and the absolutely necessary public improvements. Another will be the agitation of the financial question; and probably this will be the most fruitful of trouble. The republicans have taken its stand on forced redemption in 1879, and will divide the demagogue by wise action, can unite the party on this vital issue, and thereby secure an immense advantage. They should fritter away none of their golden opportunities. No paltry, personal animosities should be allowed to interfere with the general good. No sectional feelings should be suffered to mar the perfect harmony which is necessary to the success of the party, and the salvation of the country from the radical vultures which have preyed upon it for the last fifteen years, and fattened upon the spoils of prostituted public place. The country must be rescued from the bayonets, the carpet-baggers, the demagogues, the thieves and the petty tyrants who have sapped its substance and insulted its people under the republican regime; and this can only be done by calm, moderate and patriotic action on the part of the democratic majority in the house of representatives. For, while it is evident that a large majority of the people of the north are heartily tired of the rule of Grant, and the petty tyrants who have sapped its substance and insulted its people under the republican regime; and this can only be done by calm, moderate and patriotic action on the part of the democratic majority in the house of representatives. For, while it is evident that a large majority of the people of the north are heartily tired of the rule of Grant, and the petty tyrants who have sapped its substance and insulted its people under the republican regime; and this can only be done by calm, moderate and patriotic action on the part of the democratic majority in the house of representatives.

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DEATH OF F. O. SHARP, ESQ.

At a few minutes after nine o'clock on last Saturday evening, Fidelio C. Sharp, Esq., of St. Louis, died at his residence in that city. Mr. Sharp stood in the foremost rank of the legal profession in the state, being considered its leading law firm. He was born in 1820, near Hopkinton, Ky., where his family held a distinguished position. In 1842, after having been admitted to the bar, he came to Missouri, and settled in Lexington, where he associated himself in the practice of his profession with Mr. Jno. P. Campbell, who was from the same place in Kentucky. Though quite a young man, his great energy and quick apprehension soon gained him an extensive practice not only in Lafayette county, but in all the surrounding counties on both sides of the river. After severing his connection with Mr. Campbell he formed a partnership with Hon. Wm. T. Wood, present judge of this circuit. He was longer associated, however, with Judge Samuel L. Sawyer, who was his partner when he removed to St. Louis in 1857. In 1848 he married Miss George A. daughter of Capt. Henry Wallace, a highly esteemed citizen of this county, now deceased. She was a sister of the Hon. Henry C. Wallace, our delegate to the constitutional convention. By this marriage he had four daughters, all of whom are grown, and one is married to Mr. R. A. Henry, lumber merchant of Chicago. In 1864 he married Miss Sallie Maude, of St. Louis, sister of Jno. B. Maude, Esq., by which alliance he had two children, a girl and a boy. He leaves behind him, a wife, six children, and one grand child. No member of the bar has ever had more honor paid to his death. All the courts adjourned; the judges and lawyers went in a body to his funeral, the prominent lawyers passed out to his home. The funeral took place to Bellefontaine cemetery last Wednesday. The religious ceremonies were conducted by Dr. Lefebvre, assisted by Dr. Tudor and Rev. J. W. Lewis, formerly of this place.

It is surmised that Grant, in his message, and Bristol, in his report, will recommend an increase of taxation. We warn the democrats of the house that the country demands that the present rate of taxation shall be cut down at least one-fourth; and that the revenue be made sufficient, by retrenchment and reform in all governmental departments. The six-sevenths must be abolished; the navy department overhauled; the Indian department dismantled; and the land department reformed. The six-sevenths must be abolished; the navy department overhauled; the Indian department dismantled; and the land department reformed.

The Indiana republicans have opened the ball early. The next election will take place in that state Oct. 23, 1876. A call has been issued for a state convention to be held on the 23d of February next. It gives the names of the fourteen state officers to be filled, and announces that the convention will select delegates to the national republican convention, and fifteen presidential electors. It promises to have time to rectify any mistakes they may make, and to thoroughly canvass the state. The great solicitude which the republicans feel for the result, should arouse the democracy to the importance of systematic organization.

The Union League has begun the canvass by a Know Nothing Crusade against the Vatican. If nothing else could damn the republican party, its determination to bring religion into politics, by showing the pope as a man from its support. This is a grand movement where it is supposed every man has the right to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience, and so long as the Catholics do not attempt to interfere with the religious belief of others, they should not be attacked for the tenets which they hold. All such pestiferous agitators as this, the conscience of New York should be put down by an enlightened public opinion.

A witness in the Avery trial having rung in the name of Secretary Bristol, as being probably interested in the whisky ring, through the liquor house of Newcomb, Buchanan & Co., of Louisville, Ky., that gentleman telegraphed a long letter to U. S. Dist. Atty. Dryer, in St. Louis, in which he says that such a rumor was started once before by corrupt officials and guilty distillers, for the purpose of breaking the force of prosecution. He says that the statement is unqualifiedly false, and requests Col. Dryer to probe the frauds to the very bottom; and asks that every ramifications of the ring shall be followed, and that no one having connection with or guilty knowledge of its operations shall be permitted to escape. He further says: "Therefore I have read this to the press, and I am sure that the nation 'let no guilty man escape.'"

Henry Ward Beecher, in his Thanksgiving sermon, paints a picture of total depravity in the "city of churches" which is unheard of for its hideousness. He charges the school commissioners with the fearful crime of compelling the female teachers in the public schools to be in the same situation as the men. A reporter who heard the sermon, but who feared that Mr. Beecher might have said more than he intended in the excitement of the moment, went to him after the service and questioned him about it. He insisted that he knew whereof he spoke, and that he had not exaggerated in the least. The enormity of the crime is simply beyond all mention; and it is a disgrace to the city of churches that it should be so.

The following circular letter, asking for information, has been sent from Blue Ridge P. O., Botetown county, Virginia: "In 1870 or '69, there left this state a young lady named Bettie (Elizabeth) Haley, for your state. She resided for three or four months in Moberly, Mo., and then went to St. Louis. When last heard from she was residing in St. Louis, working for the family of some lawyer whose name I have forgotten. If possible I wish you would assist me in finding her. It is important that she should be found at an early day. Respectfully,
R. F. Mays."

Printers wanting any material will do well to read our advertisement, as we have reduced the price of every article to the lowest, and all types set off by January 1st will be sent to the foundry. Speak quick, if you want anything.

Persons wishing the address of their printer changed, please state where it is at present received, as well as the place to which it is to be changed. W. R. Mays.

Cardinal McCloskey has arrived in New York.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Legislature of Virginia met on last Wednesday.

The democratic majority in Mississippi will reach 40,000.

Turnips sold at seventy-five cents in some parts of Texas. They go begging here at 10 cents.

Owing to the scarcity of potatoes, they are selling in some portions of Pennsylvania at eighty cents per bushel.

The Trinidad Pioneer says: Our streets are constantly crowded with freight trains loaded with wool and hides from New Mexico, bound for Los Angeles.

An Indian canoe that will hold one hundred men easily to be sent to the centennial from British Columbia. It is sixty feet long, eight wide and four high.

The Supreme Court of Maine has recently decided that if a passenger buys a rail-road ticket for a passage between two given points, he has a right to ride an equal distance anywhere on the road, and in any direction.

Editor Carruth's boy lies a mauling in the grave, but his railway pass goes marching on. His remains were forwarded from Vineland to Camden on the pass he had held during his life. Clear case of dead-beat.

Col. Robert Des Anjos, an officer in the Appraiser's Department of the custom-house, in New York, was found guilty of complicity in smuggling goods, and was sentenced last week to two years' imprisonment, and to pay a fine of \$10,000.

There is a Mexican gentleman residing near Trinidad, Santiago Fernandez by name, who is over one hundred and five years old, and yet he can get over the ground nimbly like his grand-nephews, two of whom are athletes of the pioneer.

John Brown, colored, was arrested near Fort Valley, Ga., in attempting to raise a highly respectable young lady. He knuckled out